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TO: Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE: February 15, 2012

SUBJECT: National Jazz Day April 13, 2012

The purpose of this Letter to Commission is to inform you of the City's commemoration of National Jazz Day on Friday, April 13, 2012, with a free Arts in the Parks jazz concert in Collins Park from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Featured artists will include David Siegel, LeNard Rutledge, Alfredo Chacon and Troy Roberts and their bands, showcasing a broad range of current jazz styles. Elementary and high school students will have a chance to learn from and jam with the professional musicians from 4 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The show will culminate with an improvisational jam from the musicians of all four groups.

National Jazz Day was created as a response to Congressional resolution HR 57, which declared jazz a national treasure. It is a major cultural initiative of the U.S. Conference of Mayors. Jazz, America's gift to the world, is a powerful cultural force and a source of national pride; its economic impact, however, is less well understood. National Jazz Day will shine a spotlight on how jazz is an integral part of building community by providing a link to our national musical heritage, as well as supporting a creative workforce which spreads economic opportunities to multiple sectors in our cities.

Please mark your calendars and plan to join me in Collins Park for this important Arts in the Parks event.

C: Hilda M. Fernandez, Assistant City Manager  
Max Sklar, Tourism and Cultural Development Director  
Gary Farmer, Cultural Affairs Program Manager  
Cultural Arts Council